

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2020

The organizational/regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on January 15, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Jim Vivian, Don Piche. Absent: Del Rajala.

The organizational meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Clerk opened nominations for the Chairman. Gayk nominated Piche for Chairman which was supported by Vivian. Clerk asked for further nominations and there being none, motion by Gayk supported by Vivian to cast a unanimous ballot for Piche as Chairman for 2020. Chairman Piche took over leading the meeting.

Chairman Piche opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. DeMarois nominated Gayk for Vice Chairman which was supported by Vivian. Piche asked for further nominations and there being none, motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian to cast a unanimous ballot for Gayk as Vice Chairman for 2020.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to keep the current schedule of Board meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The regular monthly Board of Commissioners meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Piche appointed commissioners to the following committees:

Brownfiled	Chase	NorthCare	Eckloff
Building & Grounds	Piche	Planning Commission	Vivian/Gayk
Building Codes	Piche	Road Commission	Piche
Community Action	Piche	Tri County Corrections	Rajala
Economic Development	Piche	UPCAP	Vivian/Gayk(alt)
Finance & Budget	Piche	UP Fair Authority	Langdon
Freedom of Information	Carlson	Hoton/Kew Conservation	Gayk
Head Start BHK Program	DeMarois	UPWARD Talent Council	Vivian/Rajala
Western UP Health Dept	Rajala/DeMarois	Veteran Affairs	Rajala
Historic Highway/Biway	DeMarois	WUPPDR	Gayk/DeMarois
Human Service	Piche	911 Committee	Rajala
KEDA	Ahlborn	UP Legislative Review Comm	Gayk
Community Mental Health	Gayk	Grants	Gayk

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to designate the following as depositories for County funds: IncredibleBank, Range, Superior National and Huntington Banks.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with one addition under New Business d) Resolution for recognition of Ricky Thomas as Custodian/Magistrate for 34 years of service to Keweenaw County.

Motion by DeMarios supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the December 18, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

The following reports were available: Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector.

Joe Foster from Crampton Surveying was present to update the Board on the Survey and Remonumentation program. The State is requiring a revised plan and Joe will come back before the Board in February with the updated plan for approval. The Survey and Remon program is funded by Register of Deeds recordings with \$4 of each recorded document going to this program. In Keweenaw County, there are about 2,600 land corners with about 46% of those being on Isle Royale. The program will not be concentrating on Isle Royale but will stay on the mainland.

Time was allowed for public comment. Justin Kasite spoke to the Board about the Second Amendment and requested that the Board consider the resolution that he provided to them regarding the county being a "Second Amendment Sanctuary".

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$228,724.26 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,528.96 911 Fund=\$5,657.75 Veterans Affairs=\$177.52 Medical Care Fund=\$1,000.80 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the 2020 mileage rate at \$.57.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to appoint Frank Kastelic to the ZBA as an alternate to replace John Wilhelm with term expiring 12/31/2020.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Ann Gasperich to use a flexible schedule for the day of or the day after a meeting, nothing beyond the day of or the day after. Per diems will be eliminated. The Board of Commissioner meetings are not included in this flexibility, only the following meetings are to be exchanged: 911 meetings, ZBA and Planning Commission meetings.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:  
A RESOLUTION of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR KEWEENAW COUNTY  
WHEREAS, RICHARD J. THOMAS, 'Ricky' walked through the doors of the Keweenaw County Courthouse for the first time in January of 1985; and  
WHEREAS, as Magistrate, has been on call 24/7, has performed countless weddings, signed numerous warrants and collected fines for civil infractions; and  
WHEREAS, as Custodian, has shown great skill in navigating many types of emergencies the buildings and grounds surprised him with, as well as faithfully opening up the Courthouse, being the coffee master, removing the winter snow and taking care of the lawn summer and fall, keeping the Courthouse spotless; and  
WHEREAS, as dear Friend, the artist of all birthday wishes, listened to and shared tales of woe, bouts of irrepressible laughter, bits of shenanigans; and  
WHEREAS, the Staff and Board of Commissioners now desires to let Ricky know how much he means to Keweenaw County;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:  
The Board hereby publicly commends Richard J. Thomas for his many years of faithful service to the people, buildings and grounds of the County of Keweenaw. **(#20-1)**

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Gayk to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie Carlson, Clerk